

House Resolution 1244

By: Representatives West of the 101st and Stallings of the 100th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending William Frank Craft; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William Frank Craft has demonstrated a life-long commitment to community
3 service and has literally saved the lives of many fellow citizens with his expert care as an
4 emergency medical technician; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 3, 1944, to Alma Lee and Jessie Craft in Bowdon,
6 Georgia; sold newspapers, set type, and ran the press for the *Bowdon Bulletin* as a lad; and
7 was a volunteer firefighter for the Bowdon Fire Department for 38 years from age 16; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1963, Willie began a long career in the funeral business but entered the US
9 Army in 1965, where he attended aviation maintenance school, became the Crew Chief for
10 the Superintendent at US Military Academy, received the National Defense Service Medal,
11 Good Conduct Medal, and the Safety Award, and earned his Aircraft Crewman Wings; and

12 WHEREAS, he returned home and married Shirley Ann Mashburn in 1967, and they had a
13 fine daughter, Tammie Renee Craft; then resumed the funeral business first at Wynn Funeral
14 Home and then at Rainwater Funeral Home and Rainwater & West Funeral Home where he
15 served until his 1998 retirement; and

16 WHEREAS, he pursued training in emergency medical care at the Medical College of
17 Georgia, DeKalb Area Tech, and the State University of West Georgia and provided crucial
18 assistance to many of those injured in the ASA crash in Burwell on August 21, 1995; and

19 WHEREAS, the lifetime of diligent service he has given to his community and the Bowdon
20 Baptist Church has touched the lives of countless Georgians and deserves the highest praise.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and commend William Frank Craft for his exemplary
3 public service to his community and his extraordinary role as a Good Samaritan.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to William Frank Craft.